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Michigan's Transit Training Network MT² Network

Michigan's Transit Training Network was developed as a cooperative effort between the Michigan Department of Transportation Passenger Transportation Division (PTD), Wayne State University and PTD's <u>Training and Education Advisory Team</u> to address transit agency training needs in a uniform manner. The training initiatives included in the training network are intended to supplement training already provided by the local transit agencies to their own staff.

The objectives of the training network are as follows:

- Improve the quality of service provided by local public transit agencies, including specialized services agencies.
- Increase the knowledge, skill and ability of transit agency employees, including management in order to provide safe, reliable and low cost public transportation services to Michigan's citizens.
- Improve efficiency and cost effectiveness of MDOT's current training efforts.

The initiatives included in the network are as follows:

- Michigan Transit Training Network Website Develop and maintain a transit training website to post various training topics, training calender, resources, bulletin board and links
- Resource Center PTD establish and maintain training resource center of training material for distribution and use by local transit agencies.
- Mentor Program Establish and maintain an online Mentoring Program Directory. In this directory you will find the names and phone numbers of individuals who can serve as a "mentor" in a variety of areas. Throughout the state at local transit agencies, universities, state and federal government there is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to having the know how to provide public transportation services. The directory puts you in touch with people in the know.
- Transit Training Develop and implement a statewide train the trainer program for transit agencies offering regional workshops on a variety of topics identified in the 5-year transit training plan.
- <u>Rural Transit Assistance Program</u> (RTAP) Review the RTAP Grant/ Scholarship program and recommend changes to the program, if needed.